



Leadership Symposium 2026 - Event Description and Summary Agenda

DESCRIPTION

The 2026 Leadership Symposium is a full-day civic and leadership event produced by Leadership Park City that brings together local, regional, and national voices to explore the complexities of community growth, leadership, public safety, housing, and mental health. Through keynotes, panels, and interactive sessions, attendees will gain insights into pressing local challenges and the tools needed to lead effectively. The Symposium's title sponsor is Intermountain Health, underscoring the vital role of healthcare in community leadership and resilience.

Date: March 13th

Location: Blair Education Center

Time: 8:30 - 4:30 PM. Breakfast and registration from 7:30 - 8:30 AM

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch included

Price: \$50

Summary Agenda

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Registration & Breakfast

- Check in and enjoy coffee and breakfast before the program begins.

8:30 – 8:45 AM

Welcome & Theme Kickoff

Speakers:

- Ryan Dickey, Mayor, Park City
- Scott van Hartesvelt, Director, Leadership Park City
- Lori Weston, President/Administrator, Intermountain Park City Hospital

Opening remarks on the power of community-driven leadership.

8:45 – 9:30 AM

Opening Keynote: Local to Federal Leadership

Keynote Speaker: Special Guest

9:30 – 10:15 AM

Growth & Conservation: Finding Common Ground in a Changing Park City

Moderator: Jennifer Wesselhoff, President & CEO, Park City Chamber & Visitors Bureau

Panelists:

- Tana Toly, City Councilor, Park City
- Cheryl Fox, CEO, Summit Land Conservancy
- Chris Robinson, County Councilor, Summit County
- Deirdra Walsh, VP & COO, Park City Mountain Resort
- Kristin Williams, President, Commfluent

How growth, tourism, land use, and sustainability collide—and what leadership looks like in the balance.

10:20 – 11:00 AM

Breakout Block 1

Choose one session to attend:

Affordable & Workforce Housing: Policy, Partnerships & Progress

Moderator: Janna Young, Deputy County Manager, Summit County

Panelists:

- Jason Glidden - Executive Director, Mountainlands Community Housing Trust
- James Kilpatrick - Project Manager, Columbia Pacific Development
- Sara Wineman - Housing and Development Coordinator, Park City Municipal
- Jeff Jones - Economic Development and Housing Director, Summit County
- Maddy McDonough - Housing Authority Executive Director, Summit County

An honest discussion on housing equity, strategy, and local solutions.

Mental Health & Resilience: Addressing Gaps, Elevating Care

Moderator: Anna Frachou, Director, Mental Wellness Alliance

Panelists:

- Jen O'Brien - Executive Director, Summit County Clubhouse

- Sean Morris - Executive Director, Wasatch Crest
- Aaron Newman - Chief Behavioral Health Officer and Director, Summit County
- Mairi Leining - CEO, People's Health Clinic
- Emmie Gardner - CEO, Holy Cross Ministries

How our region is building a more connected and equitable mental health system.

The Art, Science & Impact of Leadership

Moderator: Scott van Hartesvelt, Leadership Park City

Panelists:

- Bruce Bilodeau - Founder, Octopi Integrated Impact
- Alyse Forcellina - Consultant and Partner, Spencer Stuart
- Julianna Christie - Co-Founder, Crafted Leadership

A candid conversation on growing as a leader—at every stage, in every sector.

11:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Breakout Block 2

Choose one of three concurrent sessions:

Public Safety Leadership: Coalition, Coordination, and Community Confidence

Moderator: Malena Stevens, Former Chair, Summit County Council

Panelists:

- Chief Wade Carpenter - Chief of Police, Park City Municipal
- Chief Pete Emery - Fire Chief, Park City Fire Department
- Sheriff Kacey Bates - Sheriff, Summit County
- Dr. Phil Bondurant - Health Director, Summit County

A behind-the-scenes look at one of Utah's most effective interagency public safety coalitions and how it meets the complex demands of a global destination town.

Educating Park City: Schools, Civic Leadership, and the Power of Community Engagement

Moderator: Heidi Matthews, Educator and Former UEA Representative

Panelists:

- Lyndsay Huntsman – Superintendent, Park City School District
- Meredith Reed – President, Park City School Board
- Joanna Andres – Utah’s 2026 Teacher of the Year
- Ingrid Whitley - President and CEO, Park City Education Foundation

An exploration of the vital role of public schools in community life and the opportunities for residents to shape the future of education in Park City.

Local Sustainability and Climate Action Work

Moderator: Emily Quinton, Sustainability Director, Summit County Health

Panelists:

- Morgan Mingle - Director of Sustainable Tourism, Park City Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
- Victoria Schlaepfer - Climate Fund Manager, Park City Community Foundation
- Jared Hawkins - Extension Assistant Professor, Utah State University

Real-world stories of how local organizations are translating sustainability commitments into action across sectors like tourism, energy, and transportation.

12:00 – 12:45 PM

Lunch & Featured Speaker

Speaker: Lisa Nichols, VP Community Health of Intermountain Health will share how nonprofit community benefit is prioritized, measured, and delivered through Community Health Needs Assessments, targeted collaborations, and local partnerships that improve access, address social drivers of health, and strengthen long-term community resilience.

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12:45 – 1:45 PM

Main Stage: The Art of Community – Culture, Creativity, and the Future of Park City

Moderator: Jocelyn Scudder, Executive Director, Arts Council of Park City and Summit County

Panelists:

- Lacey Cole-Rae – Development Director, Kimball Art Center
- Brian Richards – Executive Director, Mountain Town Music
- Ben Anderson – Founder, Park City Song Summit
- Katy Wang – Executive Director, Park City Film

- Jamie Wilcox - Artistic Director, Egyptian YouTheatre

A wide-ranging conversation on the economic and civic value of the arts—and how a thriving cultural sector defines Park City's identity and resilience.

1:45 – 2:00 PM

Stretch Break

Facilitator: Intermountain Wellness Team

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Breakout Block 3

Choose one of three concurrent sessions:

Imagination Lab

Facilitators: Teri Orr and Bari Nan Cohen Rothschild

An interactive, reflective session designed to tap creative leadership potential.

Local Media & Civic Life: Journalism, Social Media, and the Shape of Community

Moderator: Linda Jager, Community Engagement Manager, Park City Municipal

Panelists:

- Ashton Edwards – News Director, KPCW
- Don Rogers – Publisher, Park Record
- Brian Modena – Publisher, TownLift
- Isabelle Freiling, PHD - Assistant Professor Department of Communication, University of Utah

A candid look at how local media navigates its responsibility to inform, engage, and occasionally challenge a small-town, high-profile community.

Faith-Based Leadership: A Role Beyond the Pulpit

Moderator: Rev. Charles Robinson (Ret.), St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Panelists:

- Rev. Sam Fisher – Pastor, Park City Community Church
- Rev. Ashley Wright – Priest, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
- Rabbi Jeff Dreifus – Rabbi, Temple Har Shalom

A conversation about the evolving role of spiritual leaders in civic life—and how congregations engage the broader community across difference and division.

3:00 – 4:00 PM

Breakout Block 4

Choose one of three concurrent sessions:

Shifting Lines: The Future of Local Governance

Moderator: Margaret Plane, City Attorney, Park City Municipal

Panelists:

- Eve Furse - County Clerk, Summit County
- Corrie Forsling - County Treasurer, Summit County
- Justin Lee - Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Tonja Hanson - Council Member, Summit County Council

A timely discussion on the evolving structure of local government, the limits of local control, and what it all means for civic effectiveness and accountability.

Service, Fellowship, and the Fabric of Community

Moderator: Steve Spaulding, President, Park City Sunrise Rotary

Panelists:

- Kristal Bowman-Carter - President, Park City Noon Rotary
- Monica Schaffer - President Elect, Park City Twilight Rotary
- Andrew Caplan - Exalted Ruler, Park City Elks Club
- Karen Marriott - Founder, Just Serve Park City

This panel explores how service organizations in Park City not only meet critical community needs, but also cultivate leadership, build lasting relationships, and strengthen the civic fabric that sustains a thriving community.

Policy, Growth & Access: Utah Legislation and the Future of Healthcare in Our Community

Moderator: Lori Weston, Hospital President, Intermountain Health – Park City

Panelists:

- Phil Bondurant, Director, Summit County Health Department
- Austin Smith, MD, Emergency Room Physician & Medical Director
- David Dirks, Intermountain Health, Vice President of Strategy and Business Development
- Brian McKenna, Intermountain Health, Associate Vice President, Government Relations

An overview of Intermountain Health's community impact work and future commitments in Park City and beyond.

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Closing Reflections & Next Steps

Speakers:

- Ryan Dickey, Mayor of Park City
- Scott van Hartesvelt, Director, Leadership Park City

Final remarks highlighting the day's key themes and inviting continued leadership in our shared civic future.